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NEW HOME DAMAGED BY SUNDAY FIRE

Emery Blake suffered second and third degree burns on the face and hands while fighting a fire in the newly completed summer home of Ralph Hall of East Milton, Mass., on Paradise Hill Sunday afternoon. He was taken to the Rumford hospital where a good recovery is expected.

Construction of the large two-story building by the Blake Construction Co. of Boston has been going on since August in charge of Mr. Blake who is a brother of Leslie Blake, owner of the company. The building was badly damaged, the living room and fireplace being in worst condition. Damage extended on both floors and the plaster throughout the building was cracked. A power saw and planer and some lumber were destroyed.

The fire started in the living room, where it is believed a spark from the fireplace ignited shavings. Mr. Blake was upstairs at the time and after discovering the blaze fought the flames unsuccessfully before going for help.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED AT BETHEL LIBRARY

Non-Fiction
Jonathan Fisher Mary Ellen Chase
The Gentle Warrior (Dorothy Lynde Dix) Corline Lowe
Crusade in Europe Dwight D. Eisenhower

Fiction
The Running of the Tide Esther Forbes
Remembrance Rock Carl Sandburg

The Big Fisherman Lloyd C. Douglass
Dinner at Antoine's Francis Parkinson Keyes

The Fire Ballroom Ruth Moore
I Capture the Castle Dodie Smith
I Hear Adventure Calling

Emilie Loring
Mountain Interlude Peggy Gaddis
With All Her Heart

Florence Sweet
Spring Dream Carl Hollister
Panther's Moon Victor Canning
Salmaker F. Ruth Howard

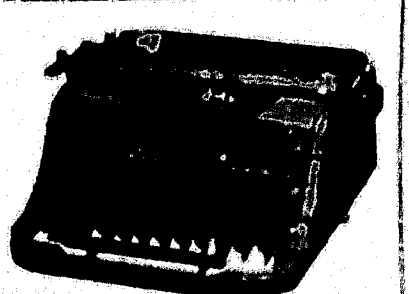
TREASURY DEPT. ANNOUNCES DATES WHEN REVENUE DEPUTIES TO BE IN COUNTY

In a recent letter to Gilbert B. Jaeger, County Agent-at-large in Oxford County, the Treasury Department has indicated that deputy collectors will be at the following places to answer questions relative to filling your income tax returns for farm people and others who may have problems.

The schedule announced is as follows: December 23 and 30 at the Norway Post Office; also, at the Norway Post Office on January 7 and 14, and January 21 and 28. There is a permanent deputy located at the Rumford Post Office, where he can be seen definitely any Friday.

Deputy collectors will also be in Norway and South Paris for one full week, divided between the two towns, during the month of February—the exact dates to be announced later.

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THE CITIZEN OFFICE

BETHEL PLAYERS MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

The Bethel Players met at the Community Room Monday evening, elected new officers, spent some money, conducted routine and special business, enjoyed a unique Christmas tree and after refreshments of coffee and cake left the room for home with the conviction that the regular December meeting was an unqualified success.

During the coming year Richard Bryant will be assisted in the duties of president by Roland Glines as vice-president, Mrs. Richard Waldron will continue as secretary and Mrs. Lawrence Sanders succeeds Miss Carolyn Bryant as treasurer.

Roland Glines, whose energy, patience and inspired leadership contributed so largely to the success of the organization during its first season declined re-election as president but readily consented to continue as second in command.

Contributions of \$25 each to further the work of the Bethel Ski and Outing Club and the school hot lunch program were voted.

In response to popular demand the club's next production, "Mrs. Astor's Horse," will be given at the William Bingham Gymnasium on successive nights, Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14, under direction of Miss Marion Stallwood with Stanley Davis as stage manager. The tickets will be in charge of Mrs. Katharine Adams, Francis Noyes was delegated to recruit local artists to supply advertising posters and Mrs. Laurence Lord selected to furnish entertainment between the acts. Other specialties and committees will be announced soon.

The all-girl entertainment committee: Carle Bryant, Barbara Bryant and Rose Sanders, decorated a Christmas tree and supplied a neatly boxed gift for each member and guest with the stipulation that the package be opened at once and the gift be publicly displayed.

The average individual wishes at one time or another to show off certain talents, believed to be highly developed and of superior quality. The gifts were not only the opportunity but the demand for one and all to exercise that urge.

Despite the fact that the stunts were selected by the committee rather than the individual results were highly entertaining as well as amusing. Recitations, impersonations, operatic selections, ballet dancing, hog calling, and other skills rapidly progressed in prize competition, honors going to Miss Marion Stallwood for whistling "White Christmas" while masticating four sticks of none too fresh chewing gum.

LADIES CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Ladies Club was entertained at a Christmas supper party Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven. The hostess was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Grace Macfarlane and Mrs. Walter T. Kander. Decorations were in keeping with the holiday season. A tree with exchange of gifts was enjoyed. Those present were Mrs. Clarence Hall, Mrs. Dana Philbrook, Mrs. E. E. Whitney, Mrs. Harry Swift, Mrs. Elmer Allen, Mrs. Leslie Corbett, Mrs. Daniel Durell, Mrs. Edith Clough, Miss Edith Wilson, Mrs. W. J. Upson, Miss Frances Hodgson, Mrs. G. L. Thurston, Mrs. R. R. Tibbitts, Mrs. Chester Briggs, Mrs. Gayle Foster, Mrs. Florence Hackett, Mrs. H. M. Farwell, Mrs. Macfarlane, Mrs. T. Kander and Mrs. Van Den Kerckhoven.

BETHEL STORES AND HOMES HAVE CHRISTMAS LOOK

Without an extensive project of Christmas street lights, Bethel presents attractive holiday appearance through the efforts of several business places. Dick Young's Service Station has its most effective decoration yet, although for several years it has been very beautiful during this season. Other spots noted include the Lions Club's community tree, the window of the American Legion Home, and the stores of D. Grover Brooks, Warren Bean, Edward Lyon and others, also the Roadside Grille and Bethel Restaurant. More than the usual number of homes are decorated with trees, evergreens and lights.

POST OFFICE HOURS DEC. 25th

Lobby 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

No window service except between 12:30 and 1 o'clock for the delivery of parcel post.

IDA M. PACKARD, P. M.



ORDERS OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP FOR BETHEL CHURCHES, SUNDAY DEC. 26

Methodist Church
A Christmas Meditation
Organ Prelude "Come All Ye Faithful"
Call to worship
Hymn
An Invocation in Unison
Silent Meditation
The Lord's Prayer in Unison
Responsive Reading
Gloria Patri
The Story of Christ's Birth
Luke 2:1-20

Pastoral Prayer
Selection by the Choir
Offering
Offertory "Silent Night" Ashford
Hymn
Sermon "Triumphant Joy"
Solo by Mrs. Guy Gibbs "The Holy City" Stephen Adams
Hymn
Benediction
Postlude "Joy to the World" Skutumpah

Congregational Church
Prelude "Canvone Amoco" Nevin
Processional
Introit
Invocation
The Lord's Prayer and Choral Amen
Responsive Reading
Gloria Patri
Affirmation of Faith
Doxology
Scripture Lesson
Anthem "The Shepherd's Vision" Wilson
Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response
Offertory "Sun of My Soul" Kohlman
Soprano Solo and Flute Obligato
"A Christmas Lullaby" Lorenz
Hymn
Sermon "His Star is Shining" Rev. Kingsley Hawthorne
Benediction
Silent Prayer and Choral Amen
Chorus: Sopranos—Ada Conner, Beverly Lurvey, Nancy Van, Katharine Adams, Florence Emery, Lorraine Swan, Susan Kneeland, Emily Saunders, Margery Rowe, Edith Rowe; Altos—Doris Lord, Ferol Godwin, Lola Van, Janice Lord, Frances Ireland, Irene Wright; Tenors—Dr. Kneeland, Chester Briggs, Donald Lord, Lee Carver, Carl Wright; Basses—E. F. Ireland, Gene Van, Robert Foster, Choir director—Ruby Briggs. Organist—Richard Russell.

Chief Asks Cooperation of Spectators at Fires
Fire Chief Robert Blake has requested that those who reach the scene of a fire before the arrival of fire apparatus should leave the way clear for the movement of the fire trucks, laying hose and access to hydrants. Reasonable care in parking should care for this problem, which was encountered at the fire Sunday afternoon on Paradise Hill.

REBEKAHS TO HOLD PUBLIC CARD PARTY

Sunset Rebekah Lodge held a regular meeting Monday night. It was voted to hold a public card party Wednesday, Jan. 5, at this I. O. O. F. hall. Announcement of future card parties will be given at that time. The committee is Norma Jodrey, Ruby Briggs, and Maxine Brown.

There will be a pot-luck supper preceding the next meeting on Jan. 5. Committee, Irene Hutchinson and Joerdie Merrill.

After the meeting a Christmas program and exchange of gifts was enjoyed. Refreshments were served.

CARVER - WILEY ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Ames announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Friscilla Carver to Charles Wiley, son of Mrs. Anne B. Wiley of Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Carver graduated from Gould Academy in the class of 1945 and is now a senior at Smith College in Northampton, Mass.

Mr. Wiley graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947 and is now studying for his Masters degree in chemistry at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass.

No date has been set for the wedding.

IN AND ABOUT BETHEL

Mrs. William J. Upson was in Boston recently.

Mrs. F. I. French is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Howard Bailey has returned to her work at Mrs. W. R. Chapman's.

Robert Croteau is at home from Great Lakes Training Center for the holiday.

Miss Marilyn Boyker is at home from Boston University for the holiday recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirk left the first of the week to spend the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Adelman Stearns returned last week from the Rumford Community Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dexter will spend the holiday with relatives at Woolwich.

Schools closed Friday for the Christmas vacation. Programs and trees were enjoyed.

A. S. James Browne is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Browne.

Eddie Dorlon of Bucksport is spending a week's vacation with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Dorlon.

Mrs. Earle Palmer is improving from an illness of virus pneumonia. Mr. Palmer is ill with jaundice.

Merle McInnis has received his discharge from the Army and returned to his home here last week.

Miss Phyllis Colton of Mechanic Falls is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Ada Balentine of West Paris will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Parker Conner and family.

Mrs. Joseph Clement of Mexico will be a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Saunders and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watt of Boston will be holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. Boynton and family.

Mrs. A. S. Holden of North Bridgton was the guest of Mrs. Alice Edwards and Miss Harriet Merrill Sunday.

Miss Helen Foster and Al Soucier of Lewiston will spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holt and family of Wilton will be Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyker.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Wheeler and family of Camden will be holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler.

Recruits Herbert Lyon and Francis Doone of Fort Dix, N. J., came Wednesday for several days leave at their homes.

Miss Lillian Hinckley of Ellsworth and Miss Edith Hinckley of Attleboro, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gibbs.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Keddy are Mr. and Mrs. LaForest Horton of West Baldwin, Miss Alice Pierce, R. N. of Skowhegan, and Royden Keddy, student at Harvard University.

WARMING HUT AT SKI SLOPE READY FOR OPENING

Progress was made Sunday at the new ski slope when a group of enthusiastic members nearly completed a warming hut at the base of the slope. The front facing the slope has four large windows enabling the observer to see all the activities. Volunteers have been working on the hut during the week and it will be ready for the opening.

Mrs. Esther Brown has the concession at the hut for hot drinks and eats. Durwood Mason has been engaged to sell tickets and be on duty at the tow.

John Howe has samples of skis, boots, bindings and poles, which will be sold to members at a discount.

Wilbur Myers was in Augusta Wednesday.

Volume of Christmas mail at the Bethel post office, both cards and parcel post, is noticeably greater than that of last year.

Theodore Young, from the Great Lakes Training Center, is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Miller of Brownville Junction will be weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Saunders and son Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rice are leaving today for Boston, where they will take a plane to return to Fort Pepperell, Newfoundland.

The Misses Amy and Gertrude Penner arrived Monday to spend the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. William Penner.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip H. Chadbourne and family are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, at Clinton, Mass.

Mrs. Ruth Dorlon is confined by injuries received Saturday when she fell downstairs while working at the home of Mrs. W. R. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chayer and children of Revere, Mass., are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eames and family of Berlin, N. H., will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Eames and family Christmas day.

Mrs. John St. Clair and children, Joan and Johnny, left this week to join Mr. St. Clair at Washington, D. C., where they will make their home.

Miss Geraldine Pierce spent several days this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. LaForest Horton at West Baldwin, returning home Wednesday.

Mrs. Winnifred MacKenney of Lewiston will spend the holiday with her daughter, Mrs. Francis Noyes, and family.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lothrop will be Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lothrop, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Kilgore and Mrs. Marion Coughlin, all of Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waldron and two daughters will spend Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Frank Patterson, and other relatives at Rumford.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt Jr. of South Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Roberts and family of Saugus, Mass.

David Foster, N. A. 2c, who is attending radio and electronics school at Memphis, Tenn., is spending a 10 days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mundt and daughter Neva and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Potter will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Potter and family at Westbrook.

Miss Amy Penner, student at Oberlin College, was the guest of Wayne Grant of Cleveland and New Haven at the Yale ball and annual Christmas events at Hotel Cleveland.

Approximately \$230 has been received by the local chairman, Mrs. Paul C. Thurston, on the Christmas Seal sale. At this time 70 of those who received seals have not been heard from. Mrs. Thurston would appreciate very much either money for seals used or return of seals without money. After Dec. 27 she has to send list of those unpaid or unreturned to headquarters.

MORE DANGER NOW FOR PEDESTRIANS

The month of November added 16 more names to our mounting list of highway accident victims. This brings the number of fatalities for the first 11 months of this year to 167.

Six of the persons killed during November were pedestrians and 5 of these accidents happened after dark between the hours of 5:30 and 7:00 P. M. Three of these six accidents occurred in rural areas and the other 3 were in urban or built-up sections.

So far this year the pedestrian accident rate has shown a marked improvement, being about 10% less than in former years, but we must bear in mind that the next few months are the dark months, the cold, wintry months, when the pedestrian toll is the highest.

Many evenings visibility is very poor before headlights are legally required. At these times we should turn on our headlights since we all have noticed how difficult it is for a driver to see an approaching car without lights, especially when this car is traveling with others which are using their lights.

Motorists and pedestrians alike must remember that they each have a responsibility when using the highways. The motorist must remember to give the pedestrian the right of way and the pedestrian must not forget that the driver does not always see him.

With the Christmas Holidays just ahead and with a New Year rapidly approaching, let us keep always in mind the seasonal hazards of reduced visibility and inadequate traction which, combined with increased traffic on special holidays, account for a higher traffic toll.

Sgt. JOHN deWINTER, Director Division of Traffic and Safety, Maine State Police.

POULTRY CHEST CAMPAIGN ON—CORBETT, CHAIRMAN

Walter F. Corbett of South Paris has been appointed Oxford County chairman of the 1949 New England Poultry Chest campaign, it was announced recently by Waldo Chick at Waldoboro.

The campaign in this county will seek to raise \$233.28 as its share of the \$25,000 Chest drive to finance 1949 activities of the New England Poultry and Egg Institute and the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO), Corbett said.

Inaugurated a year ago to provide a painless, efficient method for financing the two great producer organizations, the Chest made a successful start despite heavy snow and other difficult weather conditions during the January campaign. In an effort to miss the worst of winter, the campaign this year is starting six weeks earlier.

Corbett said the purpose of the county-by-county drive is to encourage a greater number of individual growers to participate in their organization financing.

Miss Margaret Joy Tibbitts recently returned from Paris, where she was a member of the staff of the U. S. delegation to the general assembly of the United Nations. She is a guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Tibbitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt, James Mundt, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mundt and three children of Grover Hill and Miss Alice Mundt of Worcester, Mass., will join a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Mills and family.

Miss Mary Gibbs is in charge of the song contest of the annual Winter Carnival at Bates College, which will be held Feb. 3-5. Miss Gibbs is a senior at Bates, majoring in Sociology, and is vice-president of the Christian Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall, Quentin and Ruth, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. William Lever of Lewiston and Bradley Hall of Augusta will join a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert, West Bethel, on Christmas day.

THE ROADSIDE GRILLE

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Among privileges we enjoy as Americans, free speech and free print are of first rank. Most of us prize these and other freedoms, though we give little thought to them. We just take them for granted. A Gallup poll on the Bill of Rights would embarrass a majority of our citizens. Try your own poll and see how many of your friends can name the freedoms listed in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Freedom of the press is one of those freedoms. We are benefited by this freedom every day. The information that helps make intelligent citizens comes to us freely. Our press is not censored nor restricted by the ill-conceived notions of some tyrant or dictator. We can buy the public prints we choose, and at a very reasonable price. We can buy many of them, including those with opposing points of view, without taking very much change out of pocket.

An Independent Press
Why the small price of newspapers and magazines? Just the paper and printing costs would amount to as much as we pay for them! Does a fear of the dollar pay the difference? Does a tax-rich bureaucracy foot the bill just to keep itself in power? Are our public "prints" subsidized by Congressional appropriations? No, they are not. Then how do we have freedom of press, when we are able to buy for a nickel what costs so much more?

These things are accomplished through advertising. Advertising thus becomes one of the basic features of American democracy. It is easy to see that the advertising space sold by the publishers of our newspapers and magazines makes it possible for a publishing enterprise to pay its bills. Because of advertising, our great press is able to remain independent, and at the same time render important service to the American people.

Advertising itself performs the major service of increasing constantly the already high standard of living which America enjoys. Our industry depends upon advertising to do its share in the efficient distribution of all the things that it makes in meeting the needs and desires of the people. And whenever something new is developed, advertising carries the message to those who may want the new product or new service.

Not only does advertising sell goods, it also sells the desire to improve. Americans have never wanted to become static. When people have no desire for better living standards, then your great output of factories will have to stop. Advertising creates the desire to buy that keeps our economy on the move. It sells goods, and in selling them it is the great educator of the masses.

These facts show us that the business of advertising has an important bearing upon our freedom of press. If we cherish freedom of the press, we must also respect our publishers as business enterprises. We need to understand that expenses of gathering news from all over the world for American readers are paid in large part by revenues from advertising space.

I say these things because there are those who attack the American way by the same method. These destroyers threaten within and without will not attack freedom of the press. They know we cherish it. But they will attack our high standards of living, which they envy. But they will attack the profit idea, without which American initiative and enterprise would come to give us jobs and goods. May we ever be on our guard against those who would knock out the very props from under America!

A new plane designed by Douglas Aircraft will carry 14,000 pounds 1,200 miles.
For the first time in history, U. S. oil production this year topped 2,000,000 barrels a day.

Dale Carnegie

Author of "HOW TO WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE"

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON sagely said, "Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened; but go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace like the ticking of a clock during a thunderstorm."

As I read these words, I thought of one of my most prized possessions—an old Seth Thomas clock that is in the room where I am now writing, a clock that was presented to my mother and my father the day they were married in a farm house in North-west Missouri.



D. Carnegie

I heard that clock tick off the minutes all during my childhood and young manhood. It ticked calmly away while cyclonic winds whipped the trees into a fury and made the house itself shake and tremble. It ticked calmly away the night that lightning struck our house and killed my little dog ten feet away from my bed.

During all the tempestuous years that have passed, that old clock has never grown tense; has never worried about the tomorrow. As it ticks away, it seems to say "I am . . . all . . . right . . . now . . . I am . . . all . . . right . . . now . . . I am . . . all . . . right . . . now . . . I have never tried to live in the future; it has always done the very best it could, one second at a time."

Isn't that all that life requires of you and me? To tick away calmly, doing the very best we can, one second at a time, like the ticking of a clock during a thunderstorm.

And now would you like to know one way in which you can acquire a calm mind? Well, one way is to take a walk in the woods with your mind on something else than what troubles you. Your mind definitely should be kept off your troubles by keeping it definitely on something else. If troublous thoughts keep crowding in, recite—or read—poetry, and think of the thoughts put forth in that poetry. But be sure to keep your mind off your own affairs. You'll be amazed at how much clearer your thoughts are when you again tackle your problems. Try it. I guarantee this, well, if not as a cure, at least as a tremendous help.

THIS WEEK IN Washington

AS the hour nears for convening of the 81st congress at high noon, Jan. 3, various of the pressure or lobby groups are poised here in Washington ready to do battle for or against various forms of legislation.

Of course the liberal groups are planning to fight for continuation of the New Deal program largely as outlined during the campaign by President Truman, while the reactionary or more conservative groups are planning to do battle against part or all of that program.

There is only one lobbying organization, however, which is against all of the proposed liberal program which would include public housing, rent control extension, federal aid to education, health insurance and social security extension. This organization is the Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc., whose spearhead is Sam Pettinelli, a lame duck Democratic congressman from Indiana. The Committee for Constitutional Government is spending thousands of dollars flooding the mail of Washington correspondents and members of the congress with speeches, pamphlets, booklets and releases and, as a matter of fact, is listed as the highest spending organization, with one exception, in the lobby group for the first nine months of 1948. The organization filed expenses under the lobbying act totaling \$345,000 for this period. The National Physicians committee, which is trying to defeat health insurance, spent some \$9,000 more than this.

Old timer observers here declare that the Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc., which is chaired by Dr. Wolford L. King of New York University, is one of the most reactionary and probably the only confessed isolationist group remaining on the political scene. The list of directors reads like a Big Blue-Book directory and includes such names as Frank E. O'Connell, head of a newspaper chain; Senator Edw. H. Moore of Oklahoma who retires with the incoming congress; former GOP party stalwart like W. C. Dennis of Indiana, Harry Woodring of Kansas who is a former Secretary of War, Herman C. Fruehauf of the Truck Trailer firm, and a score of others.

Pettinelli is sponsored on a radio chain by the Committee and many of its books are sponsored by America's Future, Inc. of New York, said to be an adjunct or subsidiary of the Committee for Constitutional Government, Inc. Even the ultra-conservative National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce do not go as far as the Committee for Constitutional Government in opposing the program of President Truman. For instance, these two organizations, at least the Chamber of Commerce, favor extension of the social security program. And while both the NAM and the Chamber of Commerce oppose the Taft-Hartley labor act, the CCG declares this Act does not go far enough. They would take all government regulation or control out of the labor picture and let management and labor fight it out as in the old days, even prior to the 8-hour law, when labor was a commodity to be bought and sold at the pleasure of the employer.

Another example concerns federal aid to education. Of the 17 leading lobby groups only two oppose this legislation . . . They are the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the Committee for Constitutional Government. The leading groups in favor of federal aid to education include the AFL, the CIO, the National Grange, the American Legion, Amvets, Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Education Association, General Federation of Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

On the question of public housing, the C. of C. and the CCG are joined by the NAM, the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Real Estate Boards in opposition, while the other organizations favor the question with the exception of the National Grange, the Federation of Women's Clubs and the NAACP which take a qualified stand. Of these qualifications, for instance, the Grange favors rural housing under the program if the specific farm can support the required payments. The Grange is against rural housing in sub-marginal areas maintaining that this would tend to perpetuate basic conditions leading to rural slums.

In the case of health insurance the Grange in its qualified stand is against compulsory insurance if the person already has voluntary health insurance coverage. It favors federal supplementary of voluntary health payments in instances where individuals cannot afford full payments but wants to prevent demands for federal health just because it is available.

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Once Again the Christmas Star...

Through the Clouds of Fear Truth Bursts Again



THE Chambers-Ries spy investigation is illuminating the fact that there are, or have been, undercover Communists in our governmental departments. Whether the names of these treason-mongers are known to the FBI is doubtless a top secret.

There is, as we all know, a controversy over the passage of a law to make membership in the Communist party a crime. Many maintain that such a law should be broad enough to embrace those who "practice" Communism to the detriment of our country, though they may not be actual members of the party.

The very fact that our radical groups are in opposition to such legislation should be significant at least, and should appraise us of the foolhardy risks we are taking in allowing our enemies to roam at will through every department of our government and of our economy. If the Kremlin permitted preachers of democracy to expound their doctrines all over Russia—how long would that government last?

The Communies have a tough job over here simply because they are trying to replace a successful economy with an unsuccessful and unattractive one. But they have one great working advantage—the fact that we Americans enter at their "puny" efforts while they continue to play terrific beneath the very floor of our stupid complacency.

Every newspaper reader knows the names of our "front" Communists. The dangerous workers are as far underground as they can burrow, and no law will drive them farther. But a criminal law will definitely curtail their activities. Fear of the concentration camp has dried up every Democratic activity behind the Iron Curtain. Fear of prison will go far toward doing the same here. Also it will cut "recruiting" to a minimum; AND IT WILL INSTANTLY PUT A STOP TO THE CURRENT TEACHING OF SUBVERSION IN OUR SCHOOLS.

Have we not the right to defend our property and our lives against the most deadly enemies we have ever had? Aren't those of us who have children even interested in their future? Just because we may be dead—don't we care if they become the slaves of the lowest elements in our national society acting under orders from their Slav masters in Moscow.

Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Agila
- 2 Pumpkin
- 3 Upper limb
- 4 Cone-bearing tree
- 5 Female deer
- 6 Note of scale
- 7 Satellite
- 8 Note of scale
- 9 Theatre box
- 10 To split
- 11 To leave
- 12 Roman emperor
- 13 Twenty hundredweight
- 14 Chemical compound
- 15 Prank
- 16 To
- 17 To attack
- 18 Antelope of India
- 19 Chinese measure
- 20 Daughter of Tanolus
- 21 Witty saying
- 22 Stepped
- 23 To break suddenly
- 24 Joint of the foot
- 25 Colloquial elevated railway
- 26 Soft food
- 27 Traps
- 28 Maltreated
- 29 To be in debt
- 30 To defeat utterly
- 31 Kept bow on to the sea
- 32 Pronoun
- 33 To do as ordered
- 34 Playthings

VERTICAL

- 1 Downhearted
- 2 Vocation
- 3 Note of chromatic scale
- 4 Sweet potato
- 5 Golf club
- 6 Disputed
- 7 Article
- 8 Moist
- 9 To acknowledge
- 10 Artificial language
- 11 Pronoun
- 12 Symbol for oil
- 13 Conjunction
- 14 Emmets
- 15 Ireland
- 16 Stock of words used by a person
- 17 Baggage
- 18 Domain
- 19 River duck
- 20 Norse deity
- 21 Tumult
- 22 Medley
- 23 To grow about
- 24 Departed
- 25 Language
- 26 Small light
- 27 Colloquial father

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

83 Printer's measure

84 In favor of

85 Food

86 French river

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuck, Correspondent

Funeral services for S/Sgt. Waino McKeen whose body was brought here last week were held from the I W Andrews and Son funeral home at South Woodstock Thursday. Rev. Felix Mayblom officiating. Mrs. Mayblom sang. There was a military funeral. Burial was in the Finnish Cemetery, West Paris.

James Todd, son of Mr and Mrs Clarence Todd is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Varum, Mexico. Mrs. Varum will spend the week end with Mr and Mrs Todd and family.

Priscilla Cole from the Deaconess Hospital, Boston, and Sherman Cole from the University of Maine are with their parents, Mr and Mrs Lorenzo Cole for the holidays.

Lee Dymont, a student at the University of Maine, is with his parents for the Christmas recess. Mr and Mrs Edwin J. Mann's holiday family party will be held on Sunday. Their invited guests are Mr and Mrs Stanley Andrews, James, Muriel and Ormond; Mr and Mrs Earle A. Palmer Jr. and children, Earle Edwin and Shariene; Mr and Mrs Bruce K. Brown, Bruce Jr., and Stephen, Norway; Mr and Mrs Lewis J. Mann and daughter, Jeannette, Portland; Mr and Mrs Ronald Baneroff, Ronald, Pamela and Michael, Portland; Mrs. Mabel Mann.

LOCKE MILLS

Mrs. Mary Mills, Correspondent

Mrs. Julia Coolidge, 79, was severely injured late Monday afternoon near the office of the E. L. Tebbets Spool Co., when she was struck by a car operated by Roy Newton of Bethel. She was treated at the office by Dr. Fred Smalley of Bryant Pond and Dr. John Matheson of Bethel then taken by ambulance to the Rumford hospital where she was placed on the danger list. According to Dr. Matheson she suffered broken ribs on the left side, and lacerations on the head and left side. On Tuesday morning she was reported to be resting comfortably. Mrs. Coolidge was well out of the street, and the lay road was believed to be the cause of the accident. Deputy Sheriff Robert Milton investigated.

The Farm Bureau met at the Legion Hall last Wednesday. A pot luck dinner was served at this annual planning meeting. A Christmas tree was enjoyed. Mrs. Joyce Hathaway won the mystery pack-

age. The dinner committee appointed for next meeting is Mrs. Dora Ford, Mrs. Janet Bowers and Mrs. Florence Swift.

School closed last Friday for a two weeks vacation. The children in each room enjoyed a Christmas party.

Mr and Mrs Durwood Lang moved over the week end to West Paris where they have purchased a home. They have lived here for several years and their friends and neighbors were sorry to have them leave.

Frank Ring is still confined to his home from burns received on the face and hands while working in the fire room at the mill last week.

Mr and Mrs Harry Swan are expecting their son, Harry Jr., who is in the army to arrive home this week on a Christmas leave.

The regular meeting of the Locke Mills Boy Scout Troop, No. 160 was held Monday evening this week instead of on the usual Tuesday evening. This change in schedule was to enable Scouts, as well as the other Locke Mills pupils, to attend the Tuesday evening movie in a group.

This meeting was of special interest due to the fact that five new prospects were visitors: namely, Roland Martin, Rex Martin, Carson Martin, Daniel Cole, and Albert Cross. Regulars attending were David Jordan, Dean Bennett, Arthur Jordan, Palmer Robinson, Hugh Swan, Carroll Melville, Verno Corkum, Clarence Howe, and Scribe Paul Bartlett.

The next meeting of the Scouts will be held on the usual Tuesday night, December 28.—Paul Bartlett, troop reporter.

ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

and Vicinity

Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent

There was a good attendance at the Christmas Church service held at the Town House Sunday afternoon and conducted by Rev. W. I. Bull and Rev. Gerald Miller.

Harry Bumpus and daughters, Cora and Mrs. Richard Merriam of Auburn, spent Saturday afternoon with Mr and Mrs Harlan Bumpus and family.

The Ladies Farm Bureau held their planning meeting at the Town House Wednesday afternoon with eight members present.

Beverly Hall visited Ruth Bumpus Friday afternoon.

Edwin Bumpus is working for Hugh Stearns during his vacation. Muriel Lapham spent Thursday afternoon at Harlan Bumpus'.

SUNDAY RIVER

Mr and Mrs Roland Ferry and Alvin Morrison, Jr., have left Ketchum for Boston to spend Christmas.

Charles Frost was removed to the Rumford Community Hospital by ambulance with a strangled

hernia early Tuesday morning. He was operated on that day and it is hoped he will soon be with us again much improved in health.

The telephone company removed the telephone from the Andrews cottage recently.

David Fleet entertained Charles Chapman and Miss Helen Varner Tuesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Mabel Beckler is in Boston with her daughter, Myrtle.

The church school tree at Sunday River, was held Dec. 22 at 7:30.

GREENWOOD CITY

Mr and Mrs Leonas Holt were in Portland on Monday.

School closed on Friday with a program and Christmas tree, which was well-attended.

Mr and Mrs Frank Curtis of West Paris were callers at Clyde Morgan's on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Roland Hayes spent Saturday evening with relatives at Portland.

Ann Holt spent Monday at West Paris with her aunt, Mrs. Maynard Chase.

Mr and Mrs Clyde Morgan called

BRYANT POND

Mrs. Edith C. Abbott, Correspondent

All schools closed Friday for a two week's vacation. The grades had Christmas exercises and Christmas trees in each room.

Mrs. Mildred Delaps, of the high school faculty, went Friday night to her home in Brockton, Mass. She was accompanied by the Misses Phyllis and Harriett Hathaway, who are visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Mabel Andrews is spending the vacation at her home at Weld.

on Mr and Mrs Galen Curtis, Tubbs District, on Sunday.

Roland Hayes has finished work in Portland and is now at home.

Miss Helen Johnson went to her home at Woodland for the holiday recess.

Mrs. Minnie Jordan went to Yarmouth Monday to stay with her daughter, Mrs. George Kimball, for a while.

Mr and Mrs Porter Swan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Dec. 15. He has been named Keith Porter.

Mrs. Fannie Ross is the guest for two weeks of Mr and Mrs Randall Williams at Ridgelyville.

Mrs. Constance Alger of Portland was the week end guest of friends in town.

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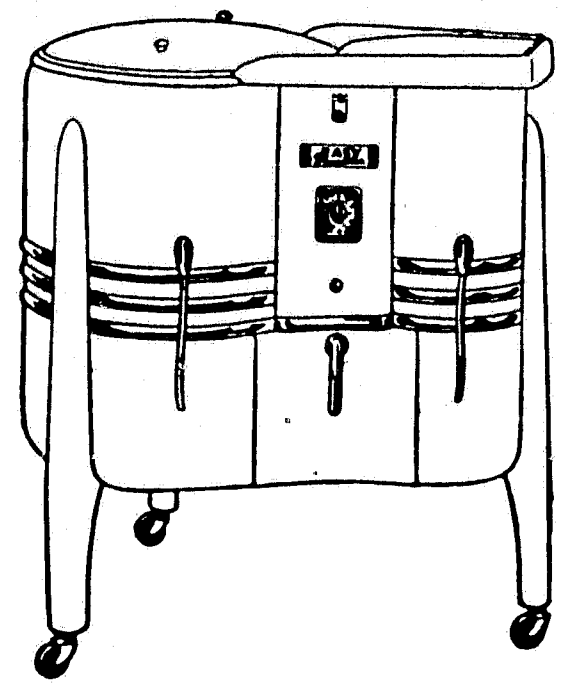
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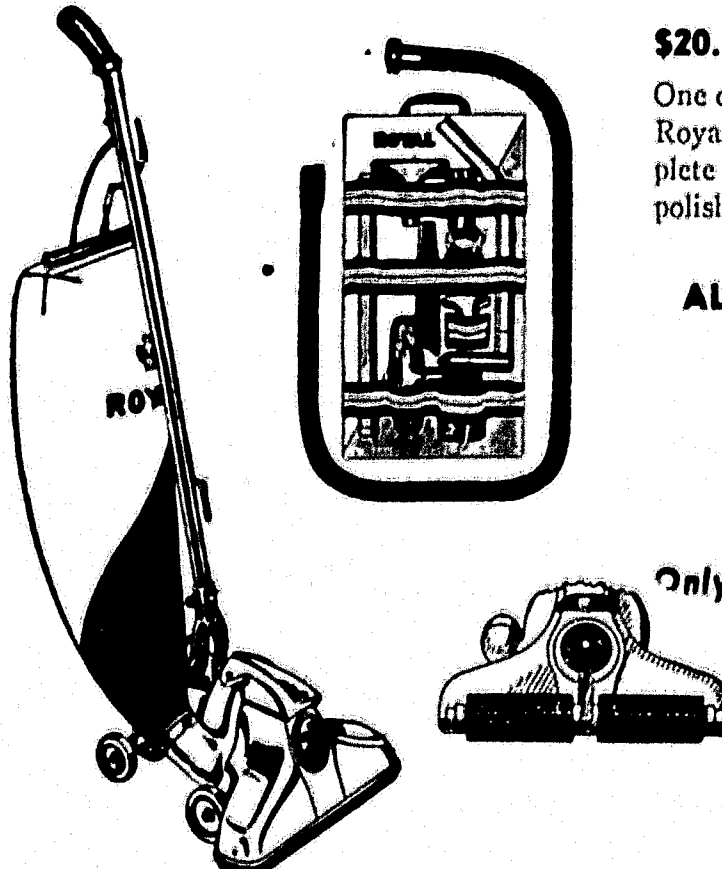
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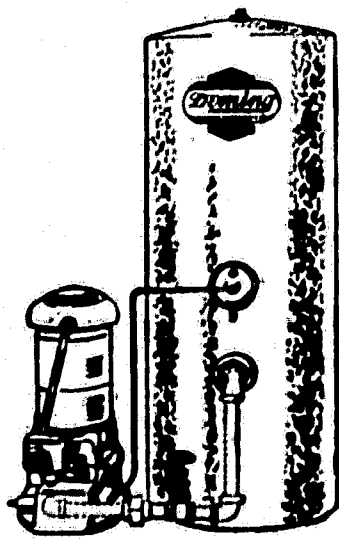
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Our Christmases in Pioneer Country

Christmas Time is Story Time, and the most happy time of the year for children the world over. It is the season of the year when the mystical becomes the usual and the seemingly impossible really happens.

This is the time each year when parents can come close to their children, teaching them lessons of unselfishness and consideration for others as they make their Christmas plans together. This is the time of all times when adults can give to little children the gentle stimulus to the spirit that lights the finest fires within, and give them memories to carry with them through all the years.

We Had No Material Things
These memories are not dependent upon the abundance of material things. We had no material things when I was a child, but no children of today have any happier Christmases than we did. Our Christmases were glamorous and unforgettable Christmases, for we lived with and among people who had the spirit of Christmas in their hearts and like all little children we caught that spirit.

True, there were no wonderful dolls, no balloons or bubble gum, no store made candy, no toy automobiles, no bicycles, and no fascinating electric trains with tracks.

Yes, our Christmases were glamorous and unforgettable though we never saw any one of the shining displays of elaborate gifts that greet and dazzle the restless eyes of the children in the America of today.

We never saw a red coated Santa Claus on the street or in a department store window. We lived in bleak, unluxurious pioneer country where we knew only one kind of store, a small unpainted country store with a sign attached to the pillars of the porch to which the horses were tied, the sign which read, "General Merchandise."

To me even today, it is a most interesting store.

We Never Had a Turkey
Or a Christmas Tree
In our family in the pioneering years there was only one gift for each child and that gift was made by one of the family with loving thought and often with great effort. Besides home-made gifts, usually fashioned with our own small fumbling fingers, there were Holland Dutch "Santa Nicolaas"

cookies and Johnny cake made in the kitchen and popcorn, and sometimes there was candy. We never had a turkey and we never had a Christmas tree.

During the years when our parents were the first settlers on the almost treeless, windswept prairies back in the "Gay Nineties," all trees were treated with great respect. There was no money for importing trees. The only trees in that part of the country we ever saw were a few struggling scrubby trees that grew along side an almost dry creek there.

In the Northeastern Kansas territory where I was born, during the nineties—when all doctors were thirty-five miles away—it was almost a miracle when any tree grew to the size of these beautiful evergreen trees which are cut down in Maine and elsewhere by the thousands to make more festive our Christmas time. Around the house where I was born, nobody ever did grow a tree of any kind successfully. I was there last year and I again heard the early settlers tell about the rugged life our parents, our neighbors and we children lived through on the lonely almost unbroken prairies in the days when we were young. There were months when we practically existed on whole corn ground up in a coffee grinder and served as breakfast food, corn bread, pan cakes, and corn pudding. Our parents had in addition a drink made out of Prairie Tea.

There were times when our pioneering parents during the cold days, braided prairie grass for hours each day to keep the fires going, but we were children and we were irresponsible, happy and care-free. Like children should, we left the living problem to our parents.

The Feeling in The Air
At Christmas time, when we were children, we always sang songs and hymns. Then too, there were stories and "secrets" but the most special thing each Christmas was the feeling in the air. It was a strange thing—that feeling. It made you want to be very kind to everybody in the world. It made you want to find somebody who needed help and to give him the things you yourself liked, but believed others needed more. You easily gave everyone your best thoughts, but you were also willing to give up your very best playthings to some other child who had less.

It was that feeling that made us look at our father and mother and think that they were the most wonderful father and mother in the world, the most fortunate children in the world. As children, we knew that life was not easy—that it was sometimes very difficult—but we knew that it was good.

As I look back at it today, I would call that feeling a sort of spiritual solidarity that comes into a family that is working and thinking together on a high level, each with one and in mind—the giving of happiness, peace and good-will to others.

I remember a "motto" which my father had in his study as I was growing up. On it, there was only one word, "OTHERS." I remember looking at that one year during the Christmas season. I did not remember ever seeing it before. My father told me he had put it there eight months earlier. During the previous months of that year, I just did not see it. It needed the spiritual something which Christmas time brings to the eyes and mind of a child to have it register on my thinking.

Christmas Spirit Gives A Sense of Security
In the Christmas spirit, a child feels that sense of security which unselfishness, love and religion give and that nothing else can ever make you forget once you have experienced it. It is the sort of experience that makes one realize for all time that material abundance is not necessary to give one real contentment and that all the big show of things, is just a sop to the dissatisfied, selfish and restless human nature that demands more and more and finds itself only with less and less.

I have often thought that this happy, wholesome feeling, which got inside our pioneer house and the people in it at Christmas time was a miracle brought about by the faith and works of our parents. Weeks before December came

Never did I try so hard to keep my around, my father gathered from various publishing houses fifty or more different story books selected very carefully, as Christmas gifts for the children in the pioneer community in which we lived. One was for each child old enough to read and even boys and girls of sixteen and eighteen were not left out. My father said we needed books for our minds as much as we needed food and clothing for our bodies.

Books Not Plentiful in Pioneer Country
Books were not plentiful in the middle west pioneer country in the nineties, and it was a great privilege on the long winter evenings to listen to my father read each of these stories out loud to us, while we helped him, decide to whom each was best fitted and who would enjoy it most. He read these stories to us while my mother was busy mending the well worn clothes at ways in need of mending, while the hard coal fire glowed through the dingy windows of the nickel-plated "base burner" which seemed to swell its sides with contentment and feel its real importance. We sat in front of the stove while my father read to us by the light of a softly shaded "coal oil" lamp, and the flickering light of the hard-coal stove. (That stove WAS important, for without it, we would have frozen to death, and it seemed to know it.)

First, my father read "baby stories" for the younger children until they became sleepy and were taken to bed, and then we heard the older children's stories and had our turn at choosing which we wanted for our very own. They were wonderful stories taken from many sources and many countries. My father and mother saw to it that every book read to us, had in it subtle character building qualities. We saw only the good books for though we did not know it then, we lived in a "controlled environment."

My father had been a pioneer school teacher "back east" on the Iowa "prairies" when the going was tough there, and his parents were pioneers in that country. He knew children and what books were good for them. He was a graduate of Hope College. He was the first graduate from that school—the only one in that year of his eight children. In later years all of his eight children attended Hope College and his grandchildren are there now. Two of my brothers also graduated from Hope College as did two of my brothers-in-law. Since his beginning Hope Preparatory School and Hope College have had hardly a year without one of my father's family in attendance.

The Holland Dutch, A More Christmas Language
Most of the stories my father read to us were stories written in the Holland Dutch language, his native tongue, and a language which we knew as well as we knew the English language. Even as a child, I loved the Holland Dutch stories best. The boys and girls who wore wooden shoes and wide pants and turned up skates, and the language all seemed more Christmasy. Moreover, I have been led to believe by my mother who had recently come over from Holland, that St. Nicholas, Santa Klaus who was Holland Dutch "spoke Dutch well" and that he always came to America from Holland by way of the North Pole. He came to America by Reindeer, but he arrived in Holland by ship—I knew he had a colored satellite named, "Black Pete" and that Santa Klaus possessed all the good QUALITIES anybody ever had. I knew also, when every Dutch child knew, that Black Pete carried a bag in which he put naughty boys.

Each story book after it had been read was to become the property of some boy or girl in our pioneer community. It was fun to help him decide to whom each book should be given, either for the pleasure the recipient might get out of it, or for the lesson he or she needed to learn from it—and many an unforgettable lesson we learned ourselves as we thought we were teaching others. I did not understand then why I often saw my parents smile or look at each other when we, in childlike ways, applied the lesson taught, to someone else.

Christmas Teaches Peace
Not War
Yes, Christmas Time is story time the world over—the time when the feelings that run truest in the human heart are touched—the feeling of faith, love, unselfishness and peace, which are, after all what the Christ Child brought with Him to give us when He came to earth, to be of help to everyone here.

If I were Santa Klaus, I would give to all the children of today and of the future, the things we had in the past—not the material things which we had not, and which pass with time—but the gifts of the spirit which are everlasting.

If children the world over were to learn the true meaning of Christmas, and could catch its spiritual teaching, then there could never be any war in the world, nor hate, nor greed, nor rebellion in our hearts, and there would be Peace on Earth and Good Will to all men everywhere on earth.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing—Peace on Earth, Good-will to men!"

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As I remember it, in Holland, Santa Klaus always arrived on December 6, but he had the whole world to cover after that. My father told us he brought food and clothing to needy children, but that we had everything we needed. Once I saw tears in his eyes as he told us this. But like all believing little children, I was sure we did have everything we needed, and much more, and that the tears were for children who were not so well off.

Some of the stories which my father read to us were stories from England and translated into Holland Dutch, some were from Norway and some were about the Eskimos, but all were Christmas stories. Most of them were in St. Nicholas' favorite language, the Holland Dutch, and all have been favorites in the land from which they came. (My father and mother like most Dutch people, were internationalists and linguists.)

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EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Rodney Howe, Corres.
Mrs. Ruth Hastings and Miss Deborah Farwell were in Berlin Saturday.

Barbara and William Hastings, and Carolyn and Marilyn Noyes, came home Saturday from the U. S. for the Christmas vacation. Virginia Hastings came home Saturday also from Bates College.

The primary school enjoyed a Christmas tree Friday afternoon although several pupils were ill at home with chicken pox.

Alfred Curtis, Eugene Burns, Everett Billings, Lewis Smith, Freeman Merrill, James Haines and Urban Bartlett all have had Van company telephones installed lately. For this winter they will be on the 23 line but in the spring will be put on a separate line.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe and William Hastings were in Berlin, N. H., shopping Monday.

A party was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ruth Hastings. Those present were Marilyn and Carolyn Noyes, Francis Bean, Warren Hastings, Edward and William Hastings, Mary Alice Hastings, Virginia Hastings, Barbara Hastings, Eva Bean and Mrs. Ruth Hastings. As it was Mary Alice Hastings birthday a birthday cake and ice cream were served following the supper.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Newton and Jeanne and Merle were in Norway Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Burns.

WOODSTOCK HIGH NOTES
The girls and boys basketball teams traveled to Oxford, Thursday night, December 16. Both games were easily won, the boys score was 49 to 20, while the girls won 38 to 20.

The Christmas Dance that was sponsored by the school on December 17 was a great success.

The Christmas assembly program was held Friday afternoon. The program was as follows:
Poem, "Christmas Streets"
Christine Knights
Songs, Latin Class, Oren, Ann, Harriett, Elouise, J. Davis, Bellmont, Roy, Raymond.
Play, "To the Rescue on Christmas Eve," Phyllis, Harriett, Alice, Bessie, J. Davis, J. Hicks.
"Noel" Quiz, conducted by June Bryant.

Original Christmas Stories:
English 1 "A Substitute for Santa"
Robert Mason
English 2 "Origin of the Christmas Tree" Bernard Brooks
English 3 "Christmas Day" (poem) Myrna Kimball
English 4 "A Christmas Scene" Elaine Vittum
Poem, "Peace" Eleanor Wing
Announcer—John Hathaway.

The remainder of the basketball schedule, January 4 Corham, N. H.—**

SOUTH BETHEL

The school closed on Friday with a Christmas program and tree as follows: Song by the school, "Santa Claus Comes"; C. is for Christmas, by primary children; Song—"Jingle Bells," by Hazel, Ruby and Harlan Hart; Christmas Greetings—Jane Henley; Song—"Away in a Manger," by four boys; Santa's Luck—Margaret Henley; Song—"Edith Chase; "Silent Night"—group of girls; Christmas on the Way—George Chase; The Reason—Colleen Tibbets; A Present for Mother—Hazel Hart; My Christmas Stockings—Stanley Hinckley; Play—"A Visit to Santa Claus; Song—"Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."

Christmas songs were played before the program on the new record player.

Attendance at school has been very good. The following have been absent or tardy: Lorraine Billings, Paul Stevens, Colleen Tibbets, George Chase, Edith Chase, Patricia Chase and Roger Tibbets.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Barker, Mrs. Gertrude Cole, Mrs. Robert Gordon and son, Duane, were Christmas shoppers in Berlin, N. H., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Barker, Mrs. Gertrude Cole and son, Fred, were Sunday callers of Miss Myrtle Barker of Rumford Point.

Fred Cole has finished work for Robert Gordon at Mt. Vernon and returned home.

Mrs. Robert Gordon, Nesta and Duane, returned Sunday afternoon with Robert Gordon to Mt. Vernon to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Gordon.

Wilfred Hart is visiting a few days with his brother and family.

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17 Hebron J. V.—**
Andover Girls—**
21 at Mechanic Falls—**
25 Gould J. V.—**
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4 Oxford—**
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8 South Paris—**
9 at Andover Girls—**
11 Bethel Boys Club—**
15 at South Paris—**
18 at Gorham, N. H.—**
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. K. W. Hawthorne, Minister
Church School begins at 9:30 each Sunday.

Morning Worship 11:00.

The Christmas Eve Supper sponsored by the men of the parish will be held Friday evening at 6:30. The feature of the program following the supper will be a pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," presented by the children of the Church School. The cast is as follows: Pedro—Richard Saunders, Little Brother—Stephen Saunders, Altar Boy—Jack Greig, Rich Lady—Donna Anderson, Merchant—Arthur Mills, Peasant Girl—Joan Bennett, Scholar—Robert Lord, Poor Woman—Mary Jane Chapman, Knight—Bartlett Hutchinson, King—Howard Donahue. Mrs. Elwood F. Ireland will be the organist and Nancy Van Den Kerckhoven will be the soloist.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor
9:45 Church School. Miss Mian Wilson, superintendent.
11:00 Morning Worship service. Sermon theme: "Triumph of Joy."
7:00 Youth Fellowship meeting at the church.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Public service to which all who are interested are cordially invited will be held on further notice.
The Golden Text is: "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness" (Psalms 48:1).

Statistics show that passengers riding beside the driver suffer 82 per cent of injuries in auto accidents.

LIGHTLESS ONTARIO

by George Peck

In a previous article I recounted that on a recent trip to Canada, our good friends up there had a lot of fun at my expense, joshing me about our buying Canadian potatoes while we burned or otherwise destroyed millions of bushels of American-grown potatoes. I had to just sit and take the "ribbing," because there is no defense that can

HATTIE A. BANE

Miss Hattie A. Bane, of 271 Western Promenade, Portland, died early Sunday morning at the Maine General Hospital, Portland, where she underwent surgery Thursday.

Miss Bane was born at Hale, Dec. 9, 1911, the daughter of Charles and Elinora Fuller Bane. She attended West Paris High School, trained as a nurse at St. Barnabas Hospital and Dr. Leighton's Home, Portland, and at the time of her death was employed as a secretary at the Maine General Hospital.

Miss Bane was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Ivy Rebekah Lodge of Portland. She had made her home at Portland for the past 15 years.

Besides her father she is survived by two brothers, Earle of Portland, and Clayton of Bethel; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Corbett of South Paris and Mrs. Leone Penley of West Paris; her grandfather, Herbert Fuller of Norway, niece, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the I. W. Andrews and Sons funeral home, South Woodstock. Interment was at Wayside Cemetery, West Paris.

be entered or explanation made of the stupid course our Government has pursued with potatoes.

However, it wasn't long before I had a chance to do some "ribbing" on my account. It seems they have done some silly things up in Canada, too—came a painful manifestation of one of their follies committed many years ago. The electric lights went off.

"That's funny," I remarked. "There doesn't seem to be any storm."

"The lights go off at this time every evening," I was informed. "What's the trouble? Why don't they fix whatever is wrong?" I asked.

"There's no mechanical trouble. We are up against a power shortage and the lights are turned off to conserve it," said my informant as he lighted a kerosene lamp.

"What's the matter with the power company? Why doesn't it enlarge its facilities? We would not put up with such nonsense in New York?"

"Well, you see, there is no power company. We Ontario citizens own the power business—we run the privately-owned companies out of business many years ago."

By this time I was beginning to enjoy myself. It was now my turn to rub it in. "So, now you are the victims of a bungling bureaucracy, which you created, that has failed to measure the demand and adequately provide for it—you find yourselves in the untenable position of owning the power business—the only complaint you can make is to yourselves. You socialized your power business and now you have your lights turned off. Serves you right." And with that parting rejoinder, I groped my way out.

And, back in the United States where we have committed similar follies and are planning more of the same, I picked up a copy of the Chickasaw (Oklahoma) Star. The editor of this weekly newspaper in a pithy editorial, "HERE'S GOOD EXAMPLE OF GOVERNMENT IN BUSINESS," pays his respects to "Lights-out Ontario" and issues a warning to us. Read and heed what he had to say:

"In the province of Ontario, Canada, the government has had a monopoly of the power business for many years. The socialist-minded voters of Ontario long ago turned the running of the light and power business over to the government."

Now the folks of the principal towns of Ontario are facing a complete dimout for several hours each day a week. Citizens are warned they can use their electrical appliances only certain hours of the day. In Warton, Ontario, the head of the government power monopoly has warned the town that folks in the city are wasting power. They are leaving their lights on at all hours of the night. He warns that if this continues the government will pull the switches and leave the town without any light or power at all.

"All over Ontario the factory owners have been warned that they must save their power and cut off

the use of power at certain hours of the day. This is a perfect example of what happens to a country or a people when they do away with private enterprise and turn their utilities over to the government to run. For many years there has been a group of folks in this country who believed that the owning of public utilities by private capital was a crime which would be done away with just as soon as the folks got enlightened enough to vote right. When the starry-eyed individuals tell you that government monopoly of public utilities is the only salvation for our people just ask them about Ontario, Canada."



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Beauty Shoppe
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162 Main Street
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We add our voice to
the chorus of Good
Cheer that greets our
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Holiday Season...



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Symbolic of the
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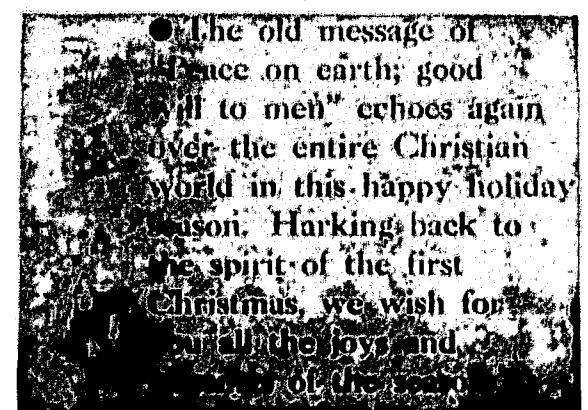
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Greetings to
all our friends
this Christmas
Season.



Don Brown Studio



BLAKE'S GARAGE
and
LONG & BLAKE



And
lots of it, for
friends, old
and new.



Bethel Market
YOUR FRIENDLY
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The friendly scent
of the cedars is typical
of the Spirit of
Christmas. It is
in that spirit
that we wish for
you all the joys
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The Specialty Shop



At Christmas-
time we want you to
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When Santa sneaks in,
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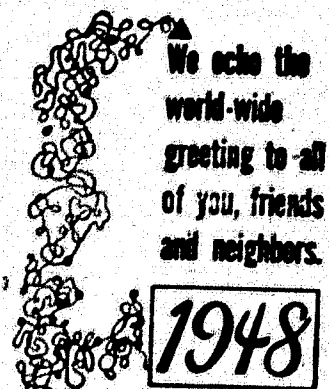
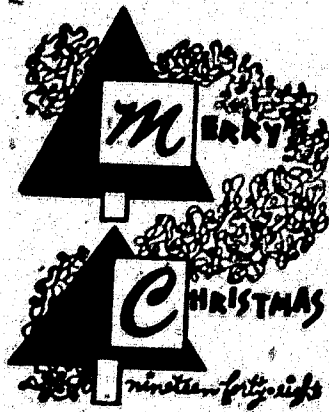
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Bethel Restaurant
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Can we
come in with a
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Best Wishes!

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It's a real
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Along with Christmas
pine and holly... may
health, wealth and
happiness deck the
halls of your home.

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BETHEL LUMBER MARKET.



MAY THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON
BRING YOU MANY
BLESSINGS AND
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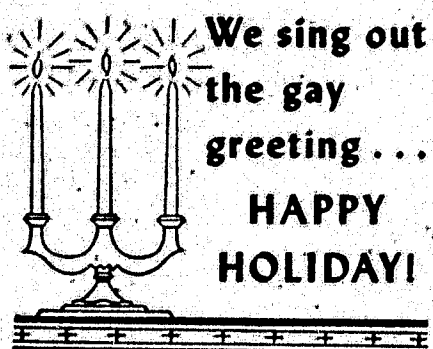
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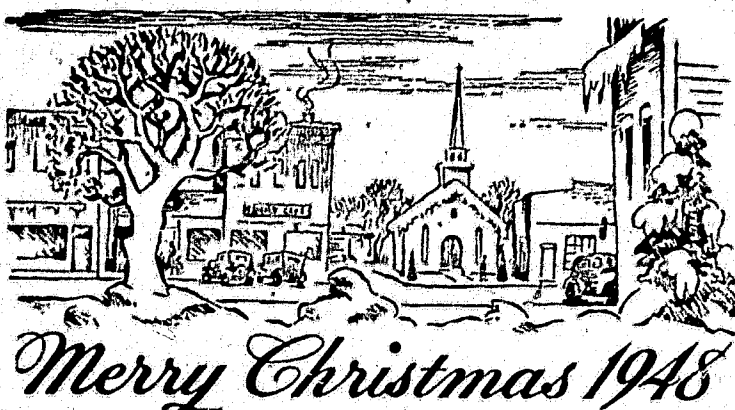
"OLD-FASHIONED
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WE HOPE YOU HAVE
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OF HAPPY MEMORIES.

**Brown's Garage
Top Hat Pavilion**



We sing out
the gay
greeting ...
**HAPPY
HOLIDAY!**

Ruth Carver Ames



Merry Christmas 1948

++ Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.



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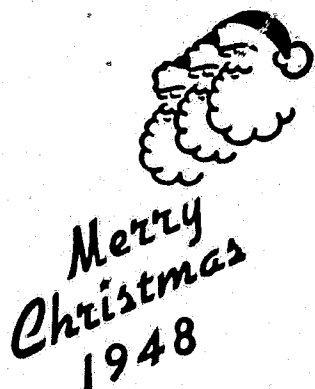


Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible.

That means you, you ... and you!



Ogden Furniture Co.
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A triple wish for all
of you is ours:
**Good Cheer! Good Friends!
Good Health!**

Gould Academy
Elwood F. Ireland, Headmaster



A Cheery
Christmas
Season
To All ...



Bennett's Garage, Inc.



We Hope...

that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.



We're stopping by with a cheery greeting.

D. Grover Brooks



TO ALL OF
YOU,
A SEASON
BRIMFUL
WITH
HOLIDAY
JOY.



Bethel Maingas Co.
WARREN M. BEAN



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

COTTON'S



May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—
'Peace on Earth
Good Will Toward Men'

1948

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FIRE IN THE HOME

Fire is likely to strike anywhere. But the home is its most popular single target.

Last year, for example, there were 280,000 building fires in United States urban areas. More than 250,000 of them—70 per cent—occurred in homes. And, according to reports made by fire chiefs to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, fires in communities with populations of 2,500 or more killed 5,200 people. The toll in smaller towns and rural areas was also very great. Indeed, farm fires are often the most destructive, due to the lack of organized fire-fighting facilities.

Fire is always a blow to the home-owner and his family, and on occasion it can be catastrophic. If he has been forethoughtful, all or part of the physical loss will be covered by insurance but insurance can't eliminate the nuisance and the difficulty of making repairs or replacements. If the loss is extensive obtaining the right kind of material and labor may prove a tough problem. It may be put to the expense of renting other quarters if he's lucky enough to find them in these days of housing shortages while the rebuilding goes on. And at its worst, fire leaves death and financial ruin behind it.

Anyone with a bare minimum of common sense should realize by now that every member of the family should be carefully instructed in how to prevent fire—and, in addition, should know what to do if fire does strike. Quick action with a water bucket or a small extinguisher has stopped many a potentially grave fire at the start. And speed in calling the fire department has prevented ruinous losses.



NOTICE

Now is the time to re-finish your floors.

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TO LET

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LOST

LOST - Cable Chain in the vicinity of Locke Mills village about Nov. 10. ALBERT SWAN, Locke Mills. 51p

MISCELLANEOUS

Young Woman Desires Housework, can take care of children. Available now. MRS. LILLIAN WOODROW, c/o Freeman Merrill, R. F. D. 1, Bethel. 52p

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LEAVE SHOES AT EARL DAVIS for repair. RICHEN'S SHOE SHOP, Gorham, N. H. 40tf

HOW TO ATTRACT BIRDS

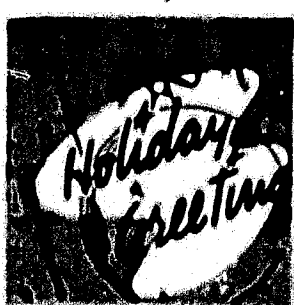
During the coming winter months many kinds of birds can be enticed to your home if you offer them the food they like. In the Reader's Digest for January, Mildred Stevenson tells how.

Seeds are most birds' staff of life, she says. To find out your birds' favorite seeds, spread cracked corn, cracked wheat, sunflower seeds, millet, hemp, chick feed, peanut hearts; then buy those which disappear fastest. And don't forget the one winter essential—sand or ashes. When the ground is frozen birds often die because they can't scratch up the grit which is their substitute for teeth.

Important, too, are shallow basins of water, with a drop or two of glycerin to prevent freezing.

Besides seeds, good fare is raw hamburger, if you're rich; cooked spaghetti "worms" if you're not. Peanut butter mixed with beef fat and spread on crackers is birds' caviar and squirrels' too. A doughnut on a string becomes an edible trapeze.

Enticing birds to your window sill is sometimes difficult. A homemade or purchased glass-roofed tray, with food spread cafeteria style, should do it. If birds are shy, hang a cigar box containing food in a nearby tree, window-sill height. Each night move it a little closer to the window. Birds won't notice the difference and soon will be at your all.



I have tried to give the best in personal service and hope your Christmas and New Year come up to your expectations.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Gilbert's Beauty Salon

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Well folks—time for 1949 resolutions. Even if last year's resolutions went where the woodbine twined—and you smoked even more verminous—didn't get a nickel more tucked away in the bank—didn't get to bed any earlier—and all the other fine ideas misfired, is no reason for no resolves for 1949.

As a sample for some new resolutions—or a hint—the day is gonna happen when there are 19 jobs and 20 men. Say you are a plumber and you keep an eye peeled on the clock and an ear bent toward the whistle, you are a marked number 20 man. And then there are ducks like King John—John L. for short—who is making coal mining and coal so expensive that more and more people will keep warm via oil and gas. There will be a number 20 man in the coal fields—in due time. Who will be this number 20 man? There is a resolution hint on how to avoid being same.

And for everybody, bronze—black—white—18 to 80—keep your hand off the horn at the red traffic light, and also beware that double "no cross-over" line on the highway. In short—courtesy. Make 1949 more pleasant—and safer. Be a lady. Be a gentleman.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends of South Bethel for the nice sunshine box sent to me during my illness.
Theodore Dunham

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their nice letters and cards which we have received and also those who helped in the search for our son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando E. Farwell
Mr. and Mrs. Willard P. Farwell
Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Smith
Deborah Farwell
Malcolm Farwell

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our relatives, neighbors, and friends for all their kindness and sympathy extended to us during our recent bereavement.

Wade Thurston
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rice
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thurston
Mrs. Josephine Whitman
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knight

BORN

In Rumford, to Mr and Mrs Norwood Waterhouse, a son.

MARRIED

At Solomons Island, Md., Dec. 4, Gordon R. Brown, SN, of Patuxent River, Md., and Ruby Barrett Lusby of Maryland.

DIED

At Portland, Dec. 10, Miss Hattie A. Bane, formerly of West Parla, aged 37 years.

Maine produces over 4 million pounds of lobsters each year.

Nobody's Business

The Spirit of Christmas is good for people. It is noticed that even the most cantankerous of us soften up noticeably as the end of the year approaches. Wreaths and decorated trees, old Christmas songs and carols, all have their part in this annual temporary improvement which precedes New Year's resolutions.

The puzzling thing about this phase of our behavior is that it never lasts. One would think that if a fragment of Christmas spirit could survive a season of gift selection, buying, planning, and all that, such a desirable outlook could be maintained easily the rest of the time.

Some people seem to succeed in maintaining such an attitude which marks them as sources of optimism and courage through the year, with the true Christmas spirit of good will and toleration sustaining them and those who meet them.

This spirit is good for communities and nations. At Christmas time one cannot hate as he might at other times. A feeling of sympathy and desire for fair play hinders movements which foster doubt in our fellowmen or persecution of those whose actions are misunderstood. In line with this sentiment we should try to forgive those who may seek to tear down the good reputations of others. It is not easy to do this.

They say that soon we shall have snow. It seems likely enough. Then comes the time when we scoop out dooryard and driveway snow into a little bunch on the other side of the road. Perhaps the road creeps like this. It is well to make this remark before we have much snow, so you will know that we mean nobody in particular.

Farm construction is expected to cost farmers 450 million in 1949, the Government estimates.



SENATOR... Senator Vern Bushfield, of South Dakota, has been appointed to serve out the remaining months of the term of her late husband, Marlan J. Bushfield.

[#] SLAVE LABOR [#]

by Dr. Alfred P. Haake
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Alfred P. Haake, Ph.D., Mayor of Park Ridge, Illinois, is a noted Economist, Business Consultant, Lecturer and Author.)

The Taft-Hartley law has been called a "slave-labor" law, and labor leaders order followers to vote against candidates who favored retention of the law. Some candidates, seeking the votes of union labor, have promised to repeal the law. Other candidates point to the need for such a law in the best interests of union members themselves, and call for revision of the law as experience shows the necessity for revision.

The Taft-Hartley law may be a "slave-labor" law. If so, it is because the law frees the members of labor unions from the monopolistic control of "slave-labor" bosses, the union leaders—and recognizes the employer as a citizen with the right to speak to his employees on matters of mutual interest. No longer is this right denied to the employers, while labor leaders are permitted to say or print anything about the employers.

The law is not perfect and, like any other legislation, should be subject to modification as experience demonstrates the wisdom of revision. If that course had been followed with the Wagner law, it would not have been necessary to enact a Taft-Hartley law.

The Wagner Act was one-sided, allowing privilege and consideration to labor leaders that it did not give to employers. Even so, most of the ills that grew out of enforcement of the law were due to interpretations and methods of enforcement which finally established labor unions as the most powerful and unscrupulous monopolies in the history of our nation.

I remember, shortly after the passage of the Wagner Act, an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board telling a group of trade association executives to their faces that the Federal Government was not interested in justice to the employer or for the workers who did not want to join unions, but was concerned only in forcing collective bargaining upon American industry.

The time came when the federal government in effect financed strikes—when strikers and imported pickets could openly flaunt the law in defiance of officials who tried to protect citizens in their constitutional rights against the violence and law-breaking rioting of those pickets. Labor leaders who cried to high heaven against the slightest infraction of their own constitutional right seemed quite willing that their followers should demonstrate utter contempt and disregard for the rights of others, as well as the laws designed to protect them.

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could long endure such a trend, growing day by day. It was not a Congress opposed to labor that passed the Taft-Hartley law. But it was a Congress which, driven by the growing anger of an aroused public, finally passed a law to correct the evils of unrestrained labor union monopoly engendered by the previous Wagner law. Those evils might have been avoided by decent and timely revision of the Wagner law so to make the game fair for everyone, but a maudlin sentimentalism had made the Wagner law a sacred cow which could not be touched.

Members of labor unions themselves, as individuals, when shown provisions of the Taft-Hartley law without the Taft-Hartley label attached, were in a majority favoring those provisions as fair to all. But the union leaders have done so thorough a job of selling a slogan, "slave-labor," against the law, that their members hate the name of Taft-Hartley without even understanding the law itself.

We don't want slave labor, and that is why the Taft-Hartley law should stay on the books to protect union members, employers and the public against the rapacity of monopolistic labor leaders. Equally in fairness to all, the law should be revised as experience may show revision to be necessary.



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